
SANDY FIRE

Letter from the Chief

News and notes from Chief Rosenkrantz



We are starting the budget process and at this time we have been asked to maintain as far as our personnel this year. We have been notified that we did not receive the Safer Grant that we applied for requesting two firefighters. The City also is looking at all the options available on our compensation.

We have some one-time funds available that we are looking at replacing some of our equipment, such as a new heart monitor, radios and a thermal imager. We have our first meeting before the budget committee on February 21st. I will keep you informed as information becomes available.

Engineer Nolan Carter has been working on a Citizen's Firefighter Academy. We are planning on offering the class in April to fifteen Sandy Police Officers in order to get some feedback before we offer it to our citizens. The goal is to offer five of these classes a year to reach out to our citizens and help them understand what firefighting involves. Nolan and his help have done a great job preparing this program. I believe it will be a great success with the citizens!

Our new engine has arrived at Ross Equipment where they will be doing some work on it before delivery to Sandy. Then the shops will install the radio and several other items, and then we will receive it to complete the process and put it on the front line. The engine will operate front line out of Station #31. Engine 31 will be moving to Station #32's front line.

We are still working on the move to Salt Lake dispatch. We have a lot of things to accomplish, but so far everything looks very positive.

Training Captain Tim Norris has completed all training for the crews on Image Trend and we are now running live.

News from the Fire Marshal's Office

The months seem to just be flying by here in the Fire Marshal's office. I am sure though that it is because we have been very busy. We have completed several projects in the city including Rosegate Condominiums, Buffalo Wildwings, Dicky's Barbeque, and Zupas. We are close to completing several others; some of these include Fabulous Freddie's Car Wash and Alpha Graphics. The next biggest project that will be coming into our city is one that many of you have asked about. On the property between 9000 South and CY's Road at about 900 East will be a large apartment complex called Cobblegate. If you have not been by there lately, you would be surprised to see the property now. All of the trees in the area have been removed leaving the area completely open from 9000 South to CY's Road.

In the last newsletter I asked how much fuel can be stored at a residence. I received a lot of good answers and it is great to see several looking in the codes to find the answers to these questions. The correct answer is one of interpretation; however, pretty clear in the code. In Section 3404.3.4.2, number 7 it states: Group R occupancies: Quantities in Group R occupancies shall not exceed that necessary for maintenance purposes and operation of equipment and shall not exceed quantities set forth in Table 2703.1.1(1). When we look at the table it shows that the storage of flammable liquid cannot exceed 30 gallons for a Class IA flammable liquid. Since gasoline has a -45 degree flashpoint, it is a Class IA flammable liquid. With all of that being said, there were numerous answers that came back that you can increase the allowable quantities by 100 percent for an approved storage cabinet and for sprinklers; however, there are not many single family dwellings with sprinklers and approved storage cabinets can be expensive. So, if asked by a citizen the safe answer is to only store as much as you need for maintenance purposes and the operation of equipment not to exceed 30 gallons. I would like to congratulate Alan Bartlome for his correct answer and being drawn out as the winner of the dozen bagels from Einstein.

This next quarters question has to deal with the Car Shows at the South Towne Expo Center. What are the requirements to display a vehicle inside a structure like the Expo Center or the mall? If you know the answer, please send me the correct code reference and language. You will then be entered into the drawing for a dozen bagels from Einstein's. Once again, the more people from your crew who enter the better your chances of winning.

So, good luck and as always remember to stay safe out there, because everyone goes home.

From the Association:

Spring is almost here and Easter is just around the corner. It is time once again for the Fire Department Easter egg hunt. The Easter egg hunt will be held Saturday, March 30th at 10:00 am at the Sandy Amphitheater Pavilion. Bring the kids and their Easter baskets for a hopping good time.

Sandy City Fire Reserves

- The Firefighter I/II course is almost nearing completion. According to the students, they will be concluding the course at the end of March, and then move into a HazMat module to complete the Hazmat Ops/Awareness portions of their schooling.
- There are currently 43 total reserves between both Fire and Medical Corp groups.
- You may not be aware, but Engineer Jared Hubbard is overseeing the reserve program. Any concerns please contact Engineer Hubbard (33A), Engineer Widdison (31A), or Engineer Bartlome (31B).



New ME31, final inspection photo, Feb 2013

Calendar of Events

March 12, 19, 26- Live Fire Tuesdays.

March 16- RSL vs Colorado @ Rio Tinto

April 17-18 UTTF 5-structural collapse training @ West Jordan

April 20- RSL vs Chivas

April 27- RSL vs Los Angeles

May 4- Sandy 5K fiesta

May 21,22,24-Trench rescue training hosted by SFD and South Jordan.

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—Douglas MacArthur

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Justin Stone **Station 31 C**

Justin has been with the department for just under two years. Throughout that time, Stone has been assigned to Station 35 and Station 31.

Justin has been married to his wife for nine years, and they are expecting a baby boy in the summer of 2013

When Justin isn't working hard at Sandy, he works in the concrete footing industry and enjoys spending time outdoors.

From the Prevention Office:

By: Lenore Corey

Spring Fire Safety Tips

As spring approaches thoughts turn to cleaning up from the long winter, making repairs around the home and enjoying the outdoors. Here are some easy fire safety tips that will help make your spring time more enjoyable.

Inside the Home:

- Check and clean your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
- Check your fire extinguishers
- Check for overloaded or damaged extension cords
- Practice exit drills with your family so everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency. Make sure that windows open and close properly, in case they are needed as exits.
- Properly store household chemicals and never mix cleaning agents
- Remove any lint buildup from clothes dryer

Outside and Around the Yard:

- Make sure your address numbers are visible from the street
- Clean up yard debris. Cut back dead limbs and grasses
- Clean your grill and make any repairs necessary. Check all propane tanks and lines for leaks and damage
- Keep 100 feet of garden hose with an attached nozzle connected and ready for use
- Maintain a clear fire zone.



"Freddie" the Department's Newest Addition



City Bowling Tournament

“Practice as you play”

Engineer/Paramedic Zach Robinson



In the fire service, we have a saying. Firefighters have been known to use the saying, “practice as you play.” Sandy Fire has taken a progressive role and purchased a training tool that will help our firefighters practice as we play for many generations to come.

Earlier this year, the training facility that Sandy Fire uses was outfitted with a burn prop that simulates the conditions of an interior fire of a building. The prop is beneficial to firefighters by simulating conditions that are hot, have decreased visibility, and unusual fire behavior. Firefighters receive real world training, in a controlled environment.

The department takes a very progressive role with regards to training. Your department is constantly taking steps to become more efficient, safe, and highly trained. This provides a service to the community that is second to none.

Not only will this training tool benefit Sandy, but the surrounding communities as well. Firefighters from around the Salt Lake County have participated in training drills that will help change the culture of the fire service, and make our communities safer.

Being the only agency in the valley that possesses a training tool like this, Sandy Fire is in the forefront of safely training your firefighters. This is imperative, due to so many injuries that occur in our profession. Luckily, Sandy Fire hasn’t had any significant injuries due to fire.

Not only does the training facility have a new burn prop, a recently added entrapment prop was introduced to the department. A training tool that teaches firefighters to handle various entrapment situations, such as ceiling collapse, falling through a floor, and equipment failure are all realistic scenarios that firefighters could face. Having the opportunity to practice “mayday” drills in a controlled environment will sharpen the skills that might save lives.

Both of these new additions are targeted to save lives and protect firefighters. All too often, firefighters across the country are being injured or killed in everyday fire incidents. Most of those fatalities are result of poor fire tactics, or lack of training. These two training props that Sandy Fire has, shape the future for our department and save firefighter lives.

So, as the saying goes, Sandy Fire is definitely “practicing how we play.” The difference is, we are controlling how we practice and changing how we play.

UTA Test Trains Begin in February

Beginning in February, UTA will begin testing the TRAX trains for their new line extending into Draper.

The Draper TRAX Line is a 3.8 mile extension of the UTA Sandy-Salt Lake Line from its current terminus at 10000 South in Sandy to Pioneer Road (12400 South) in Draper. The Draper TRAX extension is being built in the UTA-owned rail corridor and will feature new stations at 11400 South, 11800 South and Pioneer Road. Rail and ties from the old freight rail line have been removed, with grading and a new double-track construction along the entire length of the project.



The next phase of the project, before the lines are officially opened in August, will be testing of the lines beginning in February and continuing for several months. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) will visit and review the site and other pertinent information in late January to ensure compliance with federal standards. After FTA sign-off, UTA can begin additional testing in mid-February. This testing takes approximately six weeks when trains will begin moving down the track at a slow pace. Once all systems are working and communicating, then train speeds will begin to gradually increase.

The power lines south of 11000 South are scheduled to be energized sometime in February (the lines north of 11000 South have been energized since August). Signs will be posted to warn residents of the change.

Following the early testing, operators will be trained, additional FTA reviews conducted, and testing with train schedules at full speed will be completed in anticipation of an August opening. For more information, please visit

www.rideuta.com.